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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER YAKIS TO
SECRETARY POWELL ON IAEA AND NORTH KOREA

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Post has just received from MFA the following letter dated
November 22, 2002 for Secretary Powell:

Begin text:

Dear Mr. Secretary,
I thank you for your letter dated 21 November 2002 soliciting
Turkey's support for a strong resolution from the IAEA Board
of Governors next week addressing North Korea's acknowledged
nuclear weapons program.
We share the concern regarding North Korea's nuclear weapons
program and agree with the need for a resolute response to
urge North Korea to verifiably dismantle its nuclear weapons
capabilities it is putting in place.
I have accordingly instructed our Permanent Delegation in
Vienna to join the like minded countries in supporting a
resolution at the IAEA Board of Governors to that end.

Yours sincerely,
/S/
Yasar Yakis

End Text.

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